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MINUTES OF DEVAUDEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Held on Monday 19th December 2016 at Devauden Village Hall

Councillors present

J. Rowlands (Chairman)

N Knowland

AWilliams

M. Powell

I.Cavill

J Williams

In attendance:

CC B Greenland

N. James (Clerk)

1. Open Session

There was no police report for the area for this period.

2. Apologies

Apologies were received from K McElroy and A Cooke.

3. Matters Arising from the Open Session

There were no matters arising from the Open Session.

4. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting on 28th November were approved and signed by the Chairman.

5. Matters Arising

- a. Minute 11a – JW had sourced a bin which would cost £600 plus VAT but was concerned about locating it on the track beside the Hall as this was not owned by the

Council. After discussion JR agreed to consider a suitable location outside the Hall and discuss with MCC. **Action: JR.**

b. Minute 11b – NK advised that the additional reinstatement work at Wern-y-Cwm had not been completed as promised by NRW. The Clerk would contact NRW again **Action: NJ.**

c. Minute 11d – the Clerk had received a letter from Welsh Water following his letter regarding the obstruction caused by a waste tanker at the sewage plant at Well Lane; the letter apologized for the inconvenience and advised that all drivers had been instructed to be more aware of local residents' requirements.

6. **Finance**

a. Balances at 30 November 2016 were: Current Account £3162.09, Notice £5278.91.

b. Cheques were signed as follows: Merlin Waste for Dec for £20.34 – cheque number 101509; Clerk's expenses for Dec for £15 – cheque number 101510.

8. **Correspondence**

a. Note on Stronger Together – Healthy Homes for All.

b. Landfill Disposals Tax (Wales) Bill.

c. Correspondence regarding Networking Opportunities for the Future Generations Commissioner.

d. Information regarding appointments with the Wales Ambulance Trust, Powys Teaching Health Board, Public Health Wales NHS Trust and Wales Animal Health and Welfare Framework Group.

e. Note regarding “Welsh Government well prepared to take on fiscal devolution responsibilities.

f. Publication of principles and guidance for the appropriate use of non-guaranteed hour arrangements in devolved public services.

g. Note on National Development Framework for Wales plan and future engagement events.

h. Consultation letter on Welsh Transport Appraisal Guidance.

i. Consultation on changing the name of the National Assembly.

j. Posters regarding the forthcoming County and Community Council Elections in May 2017.

k. Older People's Commissioner for Wales's Newsletter.

l. Information regarding the Eden Project's Health and Well Being Community Camp.

m. Details of a vacancy on the Equality and Human Rights Commission.

n. Details of an appointment of members to Qualifications Wales.

o. Invitation to a round table discussion with the Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales.

9. **Planning**

a. New and completed enforcement cases for November 2016.

10. **County Councillor's Report**

CC Greenland advised that the planning application for a quarry at Clkedd-y-Tan Wood, recommended for refusal by DCC, had been approved by MCC as there were no planning grounds for objection. However, many of the comments against the application had been included in the conditions laid down with the approval including a severe restriction of the hours of operation to reduce inconvenience to local residents and the need for an environmental licence before work could start in order to protect dormice. It had been noted by MCC that work had started before a licence had been obtained and this had now been stopped.

CC Greenland had met recently members of the Boundary Commission for Wales. Although there were now to be no changes to the numbers of principal councils for at least the next ten years there would be some changes with a proposal from the Commission for the number of councillors in MCC to increase from 42 to 46 by 2022 because of the rural nature of the county. This increase was likely to lead to some boundary revisions. Under the rules introduced by the previous minister, community councils within MCC would be subject to review from 2017. The review would be carried out by MCC on behalf of the Boundary Commission and the number of community councils was likely to be reduced.

11. **One Voice Wales (OVW)**

a. OVW Training Schedule for Jan-Mar 2017.

b. One Voice Wales Bulletin.

12. **Ward Reports**

a. JW advised that there had been another near miss between two cars on the B4293 by the exit from Chepstow Park Woods, and the Clerk was asked to advise MCC; the concealed entrance sign, requested at the last meeting, was still awaited. **Action: NJ.**

b. NK asked that, given the decision on the Quarry planning application, the Clerk enquired what recommendation NRW had made. **Action: NJ.**

c. MP advised that the No Through Road sign erected at Itton Common needed to be reinstated to prevent confusion over which road it applied to. He would meet with the Council Engineer to confirm the correct place. **Action: NJ.**

13. **Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held in Devauden Village Hall on Monday 23rd January 2017 at 7pm.